January 16, 2003

Box Amendment Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Applicant(s):

Vargas, Jaime; et. al.

Assignee:

Cardica, Inc.

Title:

Sutureless Closure and Deployment System for Connecting Blood Vessels

Serial No.:

09/664,588

Examiner: Docket No.: Daniel J. Davis 032405-016

Filed:

September 18, 2000

Group Art Unit: 3731

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Amendment; and
- (3) Return postcard.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	Fee for Request for Extension of Time								\$	
Fee for Recordation of Change of Name								\$	0.00	
Total additional fee for this Amendment:								\$	_0.00	
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

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This communication is in response to the Office Action of October 23, 2002.

Please cancel claims 61-63 and 73-75.

Please add claim 84.

Please amend the claims as follows:

38. (Amended) An anastomosis device deployment system comprising:

a handle;

a holder tube attached to the handle, the holder tube having a distal end configured to

hold the anastomosis device with an attached graft vessel; and

an expander positioned within the holder tube and slidable with respect to the holder

to a position at which the expander is positioned within the anastomosis device

and radially expands the anastomosis device.

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